(v) Voluntary organisations are being assisted for providing, *interalia.* vocational training to persons with disabilities; and

(vi) There is a proposal to amend the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunites, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 for providing employment to persons with disabilities in the private sector.

Under Utilisation of Funds by States Under SCP and TSP

3149. SHRI R. S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints of under utilization of funds by the States earmarked for development schemes under the special component plan and tribal sub plan from National Commission for SC and ST;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against such States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) No Sir. However, National Commission for SCs and STs had observed on utilization of SCP fund in its Fourth Report. The Ministry had, examined the utilisation of SCA by the States/UTs during 1990-91 to 1993-94 and it was found that though the utilisation is satisfactory, there was delay in releasing funds to the implementing agencies.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Properties of Punjab Wakf Board

3150. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Wakf properties of Punjab Wakf Board under encroachment in Haryana/Punjab/Himachal Pradesh and Union Territory of Chandigarah;

(b) whether it is a fact that effective steps for removal of encroachments and retrieval of Wakf properties are not being made by the Punjab Wakf Board;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps taken/being taken in the matter ?